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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has submitted a proposal to set up an Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education with an appellate body for redressal of academic grievances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present higher education system in the country is regulated by 13 councils;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to set up an Independent Regulatory Authority for higher education?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): In its Report to the Nation (2006), the National knowledge Commission (NKC) has recommended establishment of an Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education and re-defining the role of regulatory bodies such as University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education lAICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI) and Bar Council of India (BCI).

(c) & (d): According to available information, there are 14 professional councils, apart from the State Councils of Higher Education.

(e): There is no consensus on the recommendation of the NKC.However, a 'Review Committee' has been constituted by Government to review the functioning of the UGC and AICTE.